

REMARKS

Attorney for Applicant has carefully reviewed the outstanding Office Action on the above-referenced application. Applicant has amended the application, as set forth herein, and respectfully submits that the amended application is in condition for allowance.

Attorney for Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended in a telephonic interview on February 29, 2000, wherein the claims were discussed and language was agreed upon which puts the claims into condition for allowance.

Applicant has re-written claim 1 as new claim 29 and has included the limitation of a "counterbalancing means comprising a counterbalancing weight substantially equal to the weight of the head assembly for balancing the head assembly in an intermediate position along the range of motion with respect to the body housing when the body housing is in a horizontal position...."

Applicant respectfully submits that these limitations differentiate Applicant's claimed invention over the references of record in the application. Specifically, neither Lanius, McKinney nor Balmer teach or suggest a counterbalancing weight both substantially equal to the weight of the head assembly...to balance the head assembly an intermediate position along the range of motion when the body housing is in a horizontal position.

Applicant submits by virtue of an allowable generic claim (claim 29) that the claims depending therefrom, including those drawn to a non-elected species, are in condition for allowance. Applicant has added dependent claims 29-33 to further define Applicant's claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-22 and 25-33 are in condition for allowance. Applicant notes that claims 15-17, 20-22 and 25-28 have already been allowed.

All issues raised in the Office Action are believed to have been addressed. Applicant submits that the claims are in condition for allowance. No new matter is believed to have been introduced. Reexamination is requested and favorable action solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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